ELECTIONS TO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE, THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE AND TO THE P. W. D. ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

PRESIDENT: The House will elect two members each to the Public Accounts Committee and the Standing Finance Committee for 1116 and also four members to the P. W. D. Advisory Committee. The elections will take place on the 5th August 1940. They will be held as usual after the business of the House for the day is over under the Chairmanship of the Deputy President or one of the Panel of Chairmen. The elections will be conducted on the basis of the ordinary system of voting by ballot.

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT REGARDING THE PROCEDURE FOR DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET.

PRESIDENT: Under the Rule 69, the debate on the budget will begin with a general discussion and be followed by the voting of Demands for the Grants. Two days have been allotted for the general discussion and the maximum of seven days has been set apart for the voting of Demands for Grants. The Demands will be taken up in the order in which they are printed in the list of Demands, copy of which has been already furnished to honourable members. The Demands under I—Land Revenue and Taxes on Income and XII—Public Works may each be discussed for one whole day; and not more than half a day will be allotted for each of the remaining Demands.

Every member, other than the Financial Secretary, will be allowed during the general discussion stage, not more than *fifteen minutes as usual*. Bu I hope honourable members will, while not unduly restraining themselves, allow as many non-official members as possible to participate in the discussion and also render it possible to give the Government members adequate time for reply.

I find on scrutiny of the names furnished by the Secretary that there are 24 members in the National Congress Party, 14 members in the People's Party and 23 members who belong to No-party. My endeavour will be, as far as possible, to give the members of these parties in proportion to their numbers opportunity for speaking. Roughly speaking 11 members of the National Congress Party, 6 members of the People's Party and 10 members of the No-Party, will be allowed to take part in the general discussion of the budget. As members when they stand up catch the eye of the President they will be called up to speak.

When voting on the Demands for the grants every mover and the official member who has the right of reply will be allowed *ten minutes* each and the other members five minutes each. Standing Order No. 59 requires notice of every motion to be given to the Secretary two

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